THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) As public order is a State subject under List II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, the Central Government does not maintain information on communal riots/incidents. However, according to the information furnished by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, 2292 communal incidents/riots took place during the year 1993. As regards 1994, information has been made available by all the States and Union Territory Administrations except the States of Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Mizoram and West Bengal. 130 communal incidents/ riots were reported during the year 1994 from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, 23 persons were killed. The estimated loss of property was Rs. 52 lakhs.

(c) The Central Government has issued guidelines to the State Governments for the promotion of communal harmony and prevention of communal violence. The Central Government provides all possible assistance to the State Governments including sharing of intelligence/information, and deployment of paramilitary forces.

Killing of army officers by N.E. Insurgents

463. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commanding officer of the 16th Maratha Light Infantry and some other officers were killed by the N.E. insurgents at the fag end of 1994;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any indepth inquiry to identify the chinks in the armour of not only the army but of the other security and intelligence agencies engaged in containing the insurgency in the North-East; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the measures taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. M. SAYEED): (a) The Acting Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. K. B. Poonacha, of the 16th Maratha Light Infantry and a Jawan were killed on December 27, 1994 at Mokokchung by Naga insurgents.

(b) and (c) There are no chinks in the armour of the Army/Security Forces and intelligence agencies. However, the insurgents have taken advantage of the difficult hilly terrain, jungles and other factors to launch attacks on Security Forces/ Police Patrolling and search operations by the Security Forces/Police are continuing.

Repeal of TADA

464. SHRI BHUPINDER. SINGH MANN:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased of state:

(a) whether Government are considering doing away with TADA prohibitions in view of its opposition in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) AU aspects of the matter, including the issues arising out of the Supreme Court Judgement on TADA, are under examination" of the Government.